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## Field Crops

Cotton bolls have opened on virtually all of the cotton acreage, 1 percentage point ahead of the 5-year average. Twenty-two percent of cotton has been harvested, 2 percentage points behind last year and 4 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Cotton harvesting is almost complete in the Yuma area. Ninety-nine percent of the cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition depending on location. Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons last week.

## Range and Pasture

Forage and tankwater are both rapidly declining. A cold front provided some moisture that may maintain tankwater levels. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	2	21	50	27
Range and Pasture	21	18	39	20	2
Cotton	0	1	22	65	12

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Harvested	22	21	24	26

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending October 14, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Parker to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon, Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 28 degrees at the Grand Canyon. The least amount of precipitation was

recorded at Aguila and Buckeye with 0.01 inches. The most precipitation was received at Flagstaff with 1.03 inches. Eleven of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Only two weather stations (Safford and Yuma) have received above normal precipitation to date.

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<b>Temperature and Precipitation Data</b>								
<b>October 8, 2012 - October 14, 2012</b>								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	68	-3	89	43	0.01	3.83	-3.92	49
Buckeye	73	-3	95	50	0.01	3.23	-2.45	57
Canyon De Chelly	57	2	77	35	0.07	3.88	-3.61	52
Coolidge	69	-4	93	43	0.00	5.40	-0.18	97
Douglas	67	3	87	41	0.00	7.28	-4.02	64
Flagstaff	49	2	72	31	1.03	11.79	-5.84	67
Grand Canyon	49	4	73	28	0.32	8.20	-7.66	52
Kingman	66	1	86	42	0.36	7.19	-0.50	93
Maricopa	74	2	95	50	0.00	5.33	-0.12	98
Paloma	72	-2	93	49	0.00	4.83	-0.07	99
Parker	71	-5	91	52	0.57	2.42	-0.71	77
Payson	58	-1	79	34	0.58	10.51	-6.61	61
Phoenix	80	4	95	62	0.00	3.36	-2.32	59
Prescott	59	4	80	36	0.13	8.91	-6.99	56
Roll	73	-2	96	48	0.05	2.34	0.01	100
Safford	68	2	90	43	0.02	8.01	0.28	104
St. Johns	57	2	81	35	0.11	6.64	-2.84	70
Tucson	73	2	92	52	0.00	6.70	-3.10	68
Willcox	64	3	88	36	0.00	8.29	-2.17	79
Winslow	60	3	83	37	0.13	4.84	-1.51	76
Yuma	79	1	95	59	0.03	2.41	0.08	103
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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